Child marriages in Rajasthan

6614. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of marriages of innocent children are performed in Rajasthan in the month of April every year on the Akha Teej festival in the gross violation of child marriage Act;

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to stop this social evil; and

(c) what achievement/improvement has been made in this respect during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. BASAVA RAJESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a traditional and customary practice in the State of Rajasthan to arrange Child Marriages on the occasion of Akha Teej which usually comes in the month of April/May. However, with the enactment of the Child Marriage Restaint Act, 1929 and with the gearing up of State administrative machinery, there has been some check on child marriages.

(b) In order to stop this social evil, efforts are being made to strictly enforce the provisions of the Child Marriage Restraint Act. Towards this end, circulars have been issued by the State Government to all District Collectors.

Apart from this, the Information Education Communication Bureau, (Medical & Health Department) and Women & Child Development Department of the State Government is making efforts to mobilise public opinion against this social evil. Efforts are benig made to raise awareness among the public about the evil consequences of child marriages through "Prabhat Pheri", "Nukkad Natak", Seminars, Workshops, folk medias and other publicity measures.

A special drive on the occasion of Akha Teej for prevention of child marriage is taken up every year and appeals are issued by authorities in Newspapers, pamphlets, handbills etc.

(c) Through the efforts of various NGOs, Women and Child Development Department and State administrative machinery, an awareness has been raised against the child marrige. There has been a check to a great extent on celebration of child marriages. During the year 1994, 714 child marriages were actually prevented. A large number of child marriages have been prevented during the current year too.

मध्य प्रदेश में स्मारकों पर व्यय

6615. श्री राघवजी : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश के विदिशा जिले में स्थित विजया मन्दिर, उदयगिरि की गुफाओं, उदयपुर शिव मन्दिर, ग्यारसपुर माला देवी, पन्दिर तथा बड़ोह पठारी के मन्दिरों में प्रत्येक पर कितनी-कितनी राशि व्यय की गई;

(ख) वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान उपरोक्त स्मारकों में से प्रत्येक पर कितनी-कितनी राशि व्यय किये जाने का विचार है; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि उन पर कम राशि व्यय किये जाने के कारण इन में से कुछ स्मारकों का रख-रखाव दयनीय है : यदि हां, तो उसमें सुधार करने हेतु क्या कदम उठाये जाने का विचार है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग तथा महिला विभाग) में उप मंत्री (कु० शैलजा) :

(क) और (ख) संरक्षित स्मारकों के रख-रखाव, संरक्षण एवं परिरक्षण हेतु 1994–95 के दौरान किया गया व्यय तथा 1995–96 के लिये प्रस्तावित आबंटन विवरण में दिया गया है। **(नीचे देखिये)**

(ग) जी, नहीं। स्मारकों का रख-रखाव एक सतत प्रक्रिया है और यह आवश्यकता के अनुसार किया जाता है।

विवरण

वर्ष 1994–95 तथा वर्ष 1995–96 में मध्य प्रदेश के विदिशा जिले के कुछ केन्द्रीय संरक्षित स्मारकों पर व्यय की गई धनराशि।

क्र०सं०	समारक का नाम	1994–95 के दौरान हुआ व्यय	1995-96 हेतु आबंटन
1.	विजया मंडल, विदिशा	2,64,335/- रु०	1,10,000/- रु०
3.	उदयगिरि की गुफाएं	55,038/- रु०	1,25,000/- रु०
3.	शिव मन्दिर, उदयपुर	5,057/- रु०	1,10,000/- रु०
4.	मालादेवी मन्दिर, ग्यारसपुर	7,205/- रु०	25,000/- रु०
5.	बड़ोह पठारी, विदिशा	3,420/- रु०	25,000/- रु०

Law to check female infanticide

6616. SHRI O. P. KOHLI:

SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take necessary steps to check evil practice of female infanticide by enacting a law to this effect; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT): (SMT. BASAVA RAJESHWARI): (a) and (b) The evil practice of female infanticide is already an offence punishable under the Indian Penal Code. No new Law is envisaged to be enacted in this connection.

Sanskrit teachers in KVS

6617. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of posts of PGTs (Sanskrit) as on date in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan